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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Petaluma - 8th Suspect Held in Botched Cannabis Home Invasions

(U) Police have arrested the eighth and final suspect in a series of marijuana-related home invasions last week in Petaluma. The 19-year-old suspect was arrested on 15 March in her hometown of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she had returned after allegedly taking part in three home invasions with seven men from Virginia and North Carolina. The suspects traveled across the country to target homes that had stashes of marijuana, but they got the wrong homes in Petaluma, authorities stated. The suspects arrested following two home invasions last month in Santa Rosa, which left one man dead, were from Virginia, Mississippi, and New York.

SOURCE: 19 March 2018, [San Francisco Gate](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona - Illegal Immigrants Found in Car Trunk Following Attempted Escape

(U) Tucson - Two people suspected of being in the country illegally were found in the trunk of a car after the driver, a US citizen from Tucson, tried to speed away from a border checkpoint, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced yesterday. Agents stated that the driver drove away after she was referred to a secondary checkpoint but was later stopped by CBP agents. The agents found a 14-year-old girl and a 30-year-old man in the trunk, both from Mexico. The 23-year-old driver was arrested for human smuggling and the two people in the trunk were detained for immigration violations.

SOURCE: 19 March 2018, [CBS 5 News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona - Firearms Dealer Sentenced to Prison for Trafficking Guns to Drug Cartels

(U) Tucson - A Tucson man was sentenced last week to 78 months in federal prison for his role in a gun-running operation that included a former Tucson police officer. "Evidence from the investigation established that these firearms were sold to members from Mexico drug cartels and that the firearms were intended for Mexico," according to an official.

SOURCE: 19 March 2018, [Tucson Sentinel](#)

(U) Maryland - Shooting at Great Mills High School

(U) Great Mills - Two students at a Maryland high school were injured today after a colleague opened fire in the hallway just before classes began, authorities said. The high school was on lockdown this after reports of the shooting. Police were at the scene at Great Mills High School, about 70 miles south of Washington DC, and agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) were also responding. Potential injuries were not immediately known, and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that the incident was "contained" but parents should not go to the school. Initial reports of the shooting came after classes at Great Mills began at 8 am eastern time. About 1,600 students attend the school.

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(U) Tennessee - Man Accused of Trying to Buy Sniper Rifle After Watching ISIS Videos

(U) Nashville - Police have arrested a man and accused him of trying to buy a sniper rifle after watching ISIS propaganda videos, following a committed stay at a mental institution for an evaluation. The recent criminal complaint uncovered previous incidents involving the suspect, such as displaying an inert hand grenade in a crowded nightclub and watching ISIS videos online then threatening mass violence. The suspect faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the most recent criminal complaint.

SOURCE: 19 March 2018, [CIRCA News](#)

(U) Texas - Explosion at FedEx Facility Could be Linked to Austin Incidents

(U) Schertz - Investigators are trying to determine whether an explosion early this morning at a FedEx facility outside San Antonio is connected to four explosions that have rattled the Austin, Texas, area this month. The most recent blast happened inside a FedEx facility in Schertz, causing minor injuries to a FedEx employee. If the FedEx incident is confirmed to be linked to the Austin blasts, it would represent a new method for the suspect or suspects. None of the four previous explosives was mailed.

SOURCE: 20 March 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) Texas - Large Shipment of Marijuana Found Inside Tile Shipment

(U) Presidio - More than 1,600 pounds of marijuana were found hidden inside a commercial shipment of clay tiles on 16 March, according to US Customs and Border Protection. The seizure followed an inspection of a commercial flatbed trailer driven by a Mexican national entered the Presidio port-of-entry cargo facility. The Bill of Lading presented to the cargo officer described the shipment as 16 pallets of tile, which upon subsequent search, yielded 128 total boxes weighing 1,666 pounds. The shipment of tile, tractor, and flatbed trailer were all seized; no arrests were made; and the investigation is pending.

SOURCE: 19 March 2018, [KTSM News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) India - Remains of 39 Construction Workers Found in Iraq**

(U) New Delhi - Authorities announced today that it has found the bodies of 39 Indian construction workers who had been missing for more than three years since being abducted by ISIS militants in Iraq. India's External Affairs Minister told the Parliament that the bodies of the men, who have been missing since June 2014, were buried in a mound in a village called Badush, around 20 miles northwest of Mosul where the men were working when they were abducted. The exact circumstances and the reason behind the abductions and killings are still unclear. Often, ISIS captures foreigners for ransom to help fund its operations.

SOURCE: 20 March 2018, [Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) Japan - Authorities Prepare to Execute up to 13 Members of Aum Shinrikyo Cult

(U) Tokyo - Japan is believed to be preparing to execute as many as 13 members of a doomsday cult in what could become the country's biggest round of hangings in the past decade. Today marks the 23rd anniversary of Aum Shinrikyo's sarin nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway, which killed 13 people and caused illness among thousands of others. Aum Shinrikyo was a violent cult that sought confrontation with the Japanese Government as a prelude to the end of civilization. On 20 March 1995, members used umbrellas with sharp tips to puncture bags filled with liquid sarin in five train carriages during Tokyo's morning rush hour.

SOURCE: 20 March 2018, [The Guardian](#)

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